

LTSS TRAINING TODAY



December 2021

Happy Holidays!!!



COVID-19 Pandemic

On November 19, Governor Bill Lee released the following statement, ending the public health emergency:

"I am not renewing the COVID-19 state of emergency that expires tonight. For almost 20 months, this tool has provided deregulation and operational flexibility for hospitals and industries most affected by COVID's challenges. Should our state face any future surges, we will consider temporarily reinstating this tool, but in the meantime, we are evaluating opportunities for permanent deregulation."

What does this mean for LTSS Programs?

The COVID-19 related flexibilities for LTSS programs are dependent on the **federal** PHE declaration, rather than the State's declaration. Once the federal declaration ends, we will have a short window (in most cases, 6 months) to end all remaining flexibilities. Based on the best information available, we think it is likely early in the new year.

Helpful PASRR Tips

Please note that anyone admitting to a NF directly from a hospital must submit a PASRR within 30 days of admission to the facility.

Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) Funding

Exciting News!

TennCare and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) announced a bold plan to invest up to \$400 million of federal COVID-19 relief funds in direct supports for thousands of Tennesseans in need.

The funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), will provide home and community-based services (HCBS) for older adults and individuals with disabilities across Tennessee, allowing them to live safely in their homes, support family caregivers, and live their lives as independently as possible within their communities.

For more information, check out the links below:

- [Enhanced HCBS FMAP](#)
- [State of TN Press Release](#)

Coming 2021: PERLSS Project

Pre-Admission Evaluations and Referrals for Long-Term Services and Supports (PERLSS) is a modern, cloud-hosted solution that will fully replace and expand the functionality of the TennCare Pre-Admission Evaluation System (TPAES). Stay tuned for more information!

Katie Beckett Program Turns One

More than 1,000 children have been enrolled in Katie Beckett program since it opened just one year ago!

Read the full press release [here](#).

QuILTSS 14 Memo

Click [here](#) to read the latest memo!

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Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains important information for all TPAES users.

State of Tennessee Division of TennCare

Help Desk Tips, 8:00-4:30 (CT), 1-877-224-0219 or LTC.Operations@tn.gov

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